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**RE: Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 132X), Union Pacific Railroad Company  
- Abandonment Exemption - In Rio Grande and Mineral  
Counties, CO (Creede Branch Between Derrick and Creede)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

In a Board decision by the Secretary's office issued on November 26, 2003, the date for filing replies to the City of Creede, Colorado's petition to reopen the above proceeding was extended to December 19, 2003.

On behalf of Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), a Class I rail carrier subject to Board jurisdiction, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension of the filing date for such replies, to January 19, 2004. The extension hereby requested is necessitated by the fact that Robert Opal, the attorney representing the UP in this matter, has undergoing surgery and is expected to remain hospitalized through and including December 19, 2003.

I have been authorized by counsel for the City of Creede, George Allen, Esq. and Thomas F. McFarland, Esq., counsel for Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical Foundation, to state that neither the City, nor the Foundation, oppose the requested extension.

Ten (10) copies accompany the original of this requested extension. All Parties of record are being served.

Sincerely,

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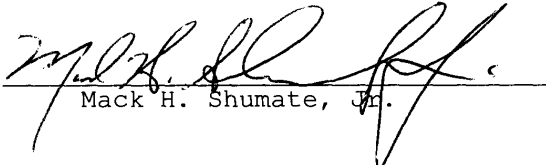
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Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 17th day of December, 2003.

  
Mack H. Shumate, Jr.